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The coins in the group above are of the years of the University's Charters.

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The coins are the gift of George H. Clapp, Ph.B. 1877, President of the Board of Trustees of the University.

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PITTSBURGH INCORPORATED

AS A BOROUGH 1794

THE CONNECTICUT TERCENTENARY MEDAL

THE medal shows, on the obverse, a group of men and women - the founders of Connecticut - dominated by the commanding figure of Thomas Hooker holding the Fundamental Orders. At his side sits his invalid wife Susannah. These early settlers of Connecticut were God-fearing men and women, "sprung from Earth's best blood", bred in the most advanced thought and ideals of their age. They had the strength of mind and will to achieve their ends. Men and women of this character established in Connecticut self-government which has stood for three centuries.

The legend "1635-1935 Connecticut 300 Years" springs from the very heart of the medal - an innovation in the medallist's art.

The reverse of the medal shows the transplanted grapevines of the State Seal, and the motto, *Qui transtulit sustinet* - "He who brought us hither sustains us".

The medal, expressive of the established traditions of Connecticut, yet quite modern in technique and feeling, was designed by Henry Kreis of Essex, Connecticut, as Public Works of Art Project No. 20 for New Haven.

ENGLISH COINS
USED BY THE
COLONISTS

SPANISH MILLED DOLLAR
(coined in Mexico City in 1789)
AND ITS SUBDIVISIONS

THE SPANISH DOLLAR AND ITS
FRACTIONAL PARTS WERE THE
PRINCIPAL COINS OF THE AMERICAN COLONIST

FUGIO CENTS 1787

THE FIRST COINS ISSUED BY THE
AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES
(Both are overstruck)

COLONIAL AND STATE NOTES
IN CIRCULATION AT THE TIME
OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
PITTSBURGH ACADEMY (1787)

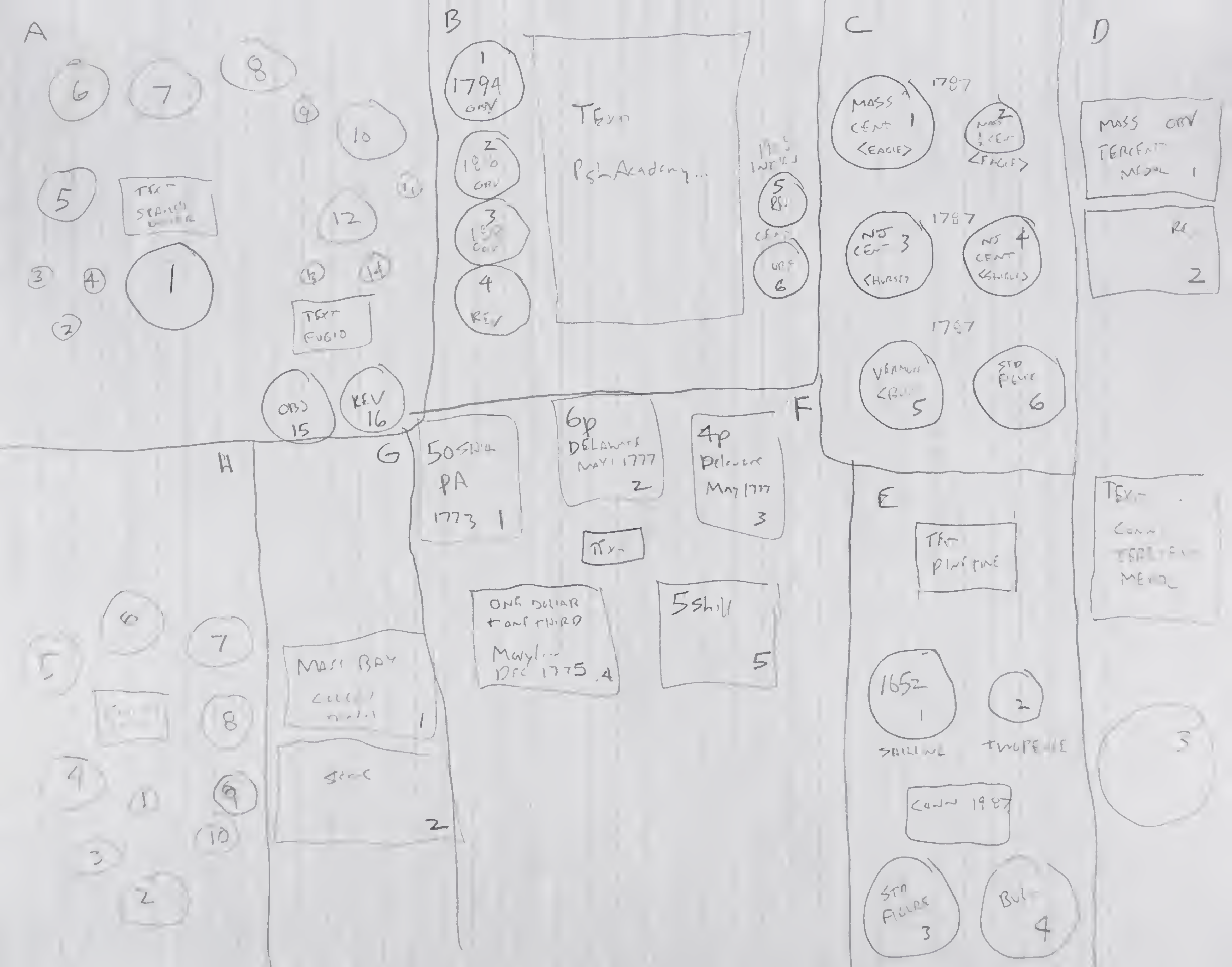
CONNECTICUT 1787
~~"COPPERS" DRAPED BUST~~
TWO VARIETIES
AUCTOBI / AUCTORI

MASSACHUSETTS 1652
"OAK TREE" TWOPENCE
"PINE TREE" SHILLING

VERMONT 1787
"COPPERS" BUST RIGHT

NEW JERSEY 1787
(OUTLINED SHIELD VARIETY)

MASSACHUSETTS 1787
CENT AND HALF CENT
(ARROWS ARE IN EAGLE'S LEFT TALON)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TEXT FUGIO
OBV 15
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1787
MASS CENT 1 <EAGLE>
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NJ CENT 4
MASS OBV
2
50 SHILL PA 1773 1
6p DELAWARE MAY 1777 2
4p Delaware May 1777 3
ONE DOLLAR + ONE THIRD
DEC 1775 4
5 SHILL 5
MASS BAY
TEXT PINE TREE
1652 1
SHILLING
TWOPENCE
CONN 1787
STD FIGURE 3
4
TEXT
CONN

Contains ?

5++ Colonial curtain hinges

hairdryer

Hard Vacuum

glass cleaner

muslin backing 24" x 13 1/8" + 1" ground

glue "Museum wax"

10+ pins

~~fumit~~ furniture cleaner/polish
Old English
Liquid Gold

CAMERA

13 1/8"

~~Stockinette~~ 24"

Plus enough to turn under

1 Spanish Milled Dollar
(Coined in Mexico City in 1789)
AND ITS SUBDIVISIONS

The Spanish Dollar and its fractional parts were the principal coins of the American Colonists.

2 ENGLISH COINS USED BY THE COLONISTS

3 FUGIO CENTS 1787
The first coins ISSUED BY the AUTHORITY of the United STATES
(BOTH ARE OVERSTRIKES)

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(5) Colonial and state notes in circulation at the time of the establishment of the Pittsburgh Academy (1787)

(6) Massachusetts 1787 cent & half-cent (arrows are in eagle's left talon)

(7) New Jersey 1787 (outlined shield variety)

(8) Vermont 1787 "Coppers" (bust right)

(9) Massachusetts 1652 "PINETREE" shilling "OAK TREE" two-pence

(10) Connecticut 1787 "Coppers" (draped bust) Two varieties AUCTORI / AUCTORBI

(11) The Connecticut MEDAL

University of Pittsburgh
VISITORS' CENTER

TO: E. Maxine Bruhns

FROM: Janet L. Seehausen

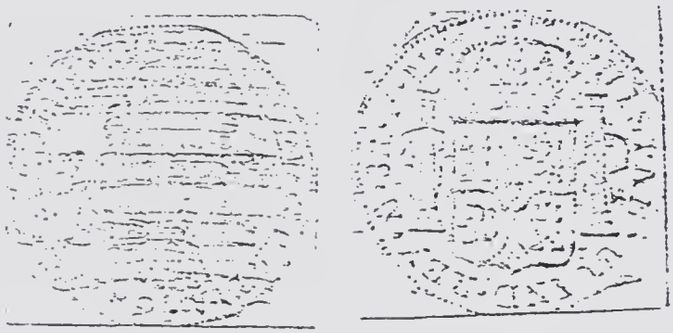
DATE: September 14, 1973

SUBJECT: Early American Coin Collection

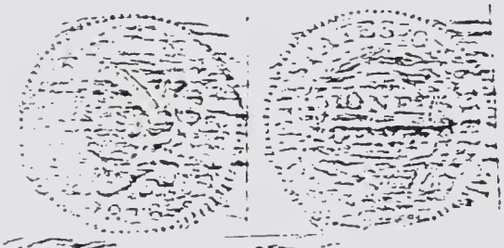
The coins constituting the collection on display in the Early American Room were inspected by Murray B. Frohlich of the St. Clair Coin Co., 429 Forbes Avenue, on Wednesday, September 12, 1973. As this was strictly a discussion about the coins and their possible value, there was no charge for the service. Should an appraisal sheet be required, there would be a fee.

He was not able to appraise each coin at that time because many would have required extensive research and analysis. There are two very old-looking, worn down, coins which he said would have to be authenticated. This necessitates the costly procedure of sending the coins to Denver, Colorado. These two coins in particular appeared to him to be very valuable.*

He gave the following estimates on four coins:



1789 Carolus IV (Spanish, 8 R·F·M
$100.00



1816 Liberty Head, 13 stars 1¢ piece
1819 $50.00 each

Tokens (horse and plow; sundial)
$30.00

There are duplicates of the pennies and tokens.

Mr. Frohlich suggested ways of grouping the coins in series and separated them accordingly. For instance, all Spanish coinage, all Massachusetts Commonwealth, all tokens, etc. would be kept together.

When cleaning was mentioned he said, "Don't do it - just leave them as they are".

Listed below is an inventory of all the coins in the collection and any other information known at this time.

* RARE COINS:
1652 "Massachusetts Oak Tree Shilling" (1 1/16" d.)
1652 "Massachusetts Pine Tree Shilling" (½" d.)

SPANISH SERIES:
1723 (1 1/8" d.)
1773 (5/8" d.)
1776 Carolus III (1" d.)
1779 Carolus III head (3/4" d.)
1780 Carolus III head (5/8" d.)
1782 Carolus III head (1" d.)
1789 Carolus IV head (1½" d.) M·SR·F·M, milled dollar coined in Mexico (only dollar used in U.S. prior to 1794 ($100.00 value)
1806 Carolus IIII head (3/4" d.)
1807 Carolus IIII head (1" d.)
1808 Carolus IIII head (1" d.)
1810 Ferdin VII head (5/8" d.) M·H·I
1816 Ferdin VII head (5/8" d.)
1817 Ferdin VII head (5/8" d.)
1819 Ferdin VII head (1" d.) M·2R·I·I
1819 Ferdin VII head (1" d.) Z·2 ·-·-

BRITISH COINS (No amounts stamped)
16-- Gulielmus head
1697 Gulielmus head;"Britain NIA"
1700 Gulielmus head
1730 Georgius II head; "Britain NIA" tail
1749 Georgius II head; "Britain NIA" tail
1773 Georgius III head; "Britain NIA" tail
1775 Georgius III head; "Britain NIA" tail
1775 Georgius III head; "Britain NIA" tail
1776 Georgius III head; "Britain NIA" tail
1787 Vermon Auctori head; "Inde et Lib" tail
1787 Vermon Auctori head; "Inde et Lib" tail
1787 "Auctobi Connec" head; "Inde et Lib" tail
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TOKENS:
1787 Horse and plow, "Nova Caesarea" head; six-striped shield, "E Pluribus Unum" tail ($30.00 valu
1787 Horse and plow, (same as above)
1787 Sun-dial, "Fugio", "Mind Your Business" head; interlocked rings, "We Are One" tail ($30.00 valu
1787 Sun-dial, (same as above)

INDIAN MOTIFS:
1787 Massachusetts Commonwealth: Standing Indian with bow and arrow, head; Eagle, tail; (1 1/8" d.)
1787 Massa. Commonwealth (same as above, but 7/8" d.)

1908 Penny: Indian head with headress
1908 Penny (same)

UNITED STATES COINS:
1794 Penny: Winged female head (1 1/8" d.)
1816 Penny: Liberty head (1 1/8 " d.) ($50.00 value)
1819 Penny: Liberty head (1 1/8" d.) ($50.00 value)
1819 Penny: Same as above ($50.00 value)

A reference book on the subject (which Mr. Frohlich used, himself) is R. A. Yeoman's Guide Book to U. S. Coins.

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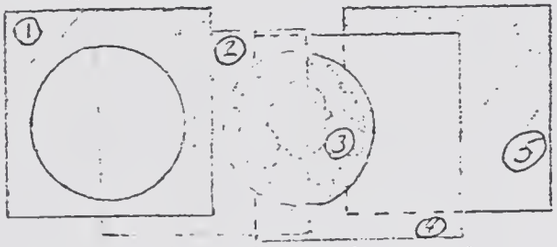
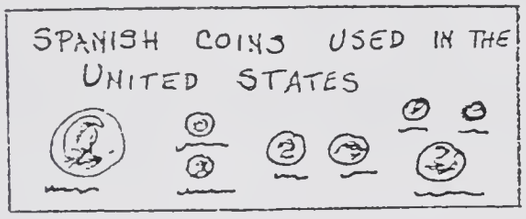
A good way for keeping the coins grouped together in correct order might be to use two sheets of mat board, two sheets of acetate, and place coin in hole punched in top mat board, thus:



1- MAT BOARD
2- ACETATE
3- COIN
4 - ACETATE (ONLY NEEDED IF BOTH MAT BOARDS HAVE HOLES)
5- MATBOARD

This way, labelling could be done directly on the cards holding individual or group of coins.



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Also displayed with the coins were the following commemorative medallions and paper money:

BRASS MEDALLIONS:
Connecticut Three hundredth anniversary (1635-1935): 3" disk depicting pilgrims on one side and grapes on vines on reverse
Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary (1630-1930): 3½"x2" plate depicting Gov. John Winthrop and Plymouth Rock on one side and seats of government on other

WOODEN-BACKED MEDALLIONS:
Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary: 3⅝"x2½" rectangle with fish as main figure
3½"x2½" rectangle showing progress via juxtaposition of 17th century events with 20th century images; John Winthrop - predominant figure

CURRENCY:

#18321 50 Shillings, Pennsylvania, 1773

#88537 5 Shillings, Delaware, 1776

#51825 Sixpence, Delaware, 1777

#30-84 4 Pence, Delaware, 1777

#229-- One Dollar and One Third of a Dollar, Maryland, 1775

MEMO TO: E. Maxine Bruhns

CORRECTED 9/22/80
per phone call from Glenn Mooney.

FROM: Marilyn M. Gindroz

DATE: September 8, 1980

SUBJECT: Nationality Rooms Early American Coin Collection Inventory.

This list describing the Early American Coin Collection was prepared with Mr. Glenn Mooney, 521 Penn Vista Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

There are 42 coins and tokens, 5 medals, and 5 pieces of paper Continental currency. Mr. Mooney made several trips to the Nationality Rooms to clean, photograph, arrange, and write labels for the coin collection on display in the Early American Room.

To clean antique coins: Always blot coins, never rub. Treat with extreme care, handling by the edges. Clean with Xylene (Xylol) Dip cotton in Xylene (Xylol) and blot, use tweezers, not fingers. Lint-free cotton is put out by Multilith machine company. After cleaning - CARE - a preservative, was used to condition and preserve the metal.

CARE can be ordered from: Products Research Co., P. O. Box 11115, Oakland, Calif.

Condition evaluation done by Mr. Mooney on September 14, 1979 and October 9, 1979.

I N V E N T O R Y

1) 1794 - Large U.S. cent. condition: EF 45

obverse: die crack from bottom of liberty cap downward to lowest hair lock; small dinge between 1 and 7; small edge dinges at 9, 10, and 2 o'clock.

reverse: no die breaks discernable but NIT in United is mashed, edge lettering bold and clear.

Made of relatively pure copper salvaged from wrecked vessels along the north eastern seaboard, from the Revolution.

Edges are lettered: "ONE HUNDRED FOR A DOLLAR"

(continued)

2) 1819 - Large U.S. cent. condition: AU50

obverse: small dinge in field at 2 o'clock; two very tiny dinges in field at 9 o'clock.

reverse: no unusual characteristics; Plain edge (no lettering)

3) 1816 - Large U.S. cent. condition: EF 45

obverse: die scratch between 6th and 13th star; tiny dinge in field at 12th star; almost invisible die scratch from forehead through 4th star to edge.

reverse: die scratch from above "D" in United to and through "ST" in States; another through "OF" to edge. Plain edge (no lettering).

4) 1819 - Large U.S. cent. condition: AU 48

obverse: very tiny mars (2) between 12th and 13th stars.

reverse: "E" in States has been marred; small dinges between "O" in one and "C" in cent.

5) Massachusetts "Oak tree twopence" 1652. condition: G 4

(These coins were issued from 1660-1667)

obverse: right edge mashed from 3 to 5 o'clock

reverse: last stroke in Roman III mashed almost flat.

6) Massachusetts "Pine tree shilling" 1652. condition: F 20

(These coins were issued 1667-1682)

obverse: planchet heavily grained from 11 o'clock through 1 o'clock; five roots to the tree

reverse: die pit above 6 in field; massive die break starting in field below the first "I" downward through "M" in "DOM" to edge.

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Spanish Milled 8 Real (rā-äl) (Dollar) and its subdivisions:

7) 1789 8 Real piece Charles IV condition VF 20

obverse: top of 8 in date is curled inward; numerous tiny field dinges, most prominent being between hair bow and hair ribbon

reverse: die pit in field between "D" in IND and "R" in "REX."

8) 1807 Charles IIII, 2 Real piece, condition: VG 15

obverse: ME mint. off center strike to Northwest.

reverse: to be displayed

9) 1808 Charles IIII, 2 Real piece, condition: mutilated

M̊ Mint

obverse: deep gash from 9-12 o'clock.

10) 1806 Charles IIII, 2 Real piece, condition: fair

has a hole in it and is quite worn.

11) 1776 Charles III, 1 Real piece, condition: quite mutilated and has a hole in it.

12) 1776 Charles III, 2 Real piece, condition: G 4.

13) 1780 Charles III 1 Real piece, has a hole and is mutilated.

14) Charles III, 2 Real piece, date not readable.

15) 1789 Charles III, 2 Real piece, has small hole

16) 1819 Ferdinand VII, 2 Real piece, condition: G 4

17) 1819 Ferdinand VII, 2 Real piece, condition: F 2

(continued)

18) 1810 Ferdinand VII, 1 Real piece, condition: F

Mint mark M̊ (Mexico City)

19) 1816 Ferdinand VII, 1 Real piece

20) 1817 Ferdinand VII, 1 Real piece

Mint mark M̊ (Mexico City)

United States Coins

21) 1787 'Fugio' cent (see attached photocopy for historical information).

obverse: pointed rays; United States at side of circle; in center, deep trench mark at 10 o'clock in field.

reverse: dinge in right chain link at top; United is on right, States is on left.

22) 1787 'Fugio' cent

obverse: pointed rays; United States at side of circle in center; bulges in field at 3, 4, 9 & 10/o'clock reverse: clash dies beneath design; States is on right and United is on left.

NOTE: See also #31 and #32.

State Coins

23) 1787 Massachusetts cent, condition: VF 20

(Arrows in eagle's left talon)

Obverse: edge dinges at 6 & 8

reverse: "h" is mutilated.

24) 1787 Massachusetts half cent, condition: VF 20

reverse: die pit before "t" at 3 o'clock

25) 1787 Connecticut copper AUCTORI variety F 12

draped bust facing left

obverse:

reverse: piece of flan missing at 7 o'clock; dinge through date.

26) 1787 Connecticut copper AUCTORI variety G 6

draped bust facing left

obverse: deeply pitted

reverse: rough field at 4 o'clock

27) 1787 New Jersey Copper Outlined shield variety, VF 30

obverse: off flan at 12-6 o'clock (no denticles)

reverse: off flan from 12-5 o'clock (no denticles)

28) 1787 New Jersey Copper Outlined shield variety VF 28

obverse: off flan from 10-3 o'clock (no denticles)

reverse; off flan from 2-7 o'clock (no denticles); dinge in center of shield.

29) 1787 Vermont Copper, bust right VG 8

obverse: off flan from 9-4 o'clock (no denticles)

reverse: Britannia Legend "INDE ET LIB"; edge die break at
12 o'clock and dinge at 5 o'clock.

30) 1787 Vermont Copper bust right VG 8

obverse: very grainy surface; top of "O" missing

reverse: Britannia Legend "INDE ET LIB" recent

edge scratches at 8, 9, and 10 o'clock.

31) 1908 Indian Head cent VG 8

obverse: dinge in edge at 9 o'clock

32) 1908 Indian Head cent F 12

English Coppers used by the colonists. All are in poor condition.

33) 16?? William III penny

34) 1697 William III half penny

35) 1700 William III penny

36) 1723 George I penny

37) 1730 George II penny

38) 1740 George II panny

39) 1771 George III half penny

40) 1775 George III penny
obverse: bow close to hair
reverse: outline of shield is not complete

41) 1775 George III penny
obverse: bow is divided and is distant from hair
reverse: shield worn in center only, well outlined

42) 1775 George III penny
obverse: bow is not divided but is distant from hair
reverse: twig in right hand is completely worn off. Shield gone.

Five pieces of paper continental currency

Colonial and State notes in circulation at the time of the establishment of the Pittsburgh Academy (1787)

1) 1773 50 Shillings (Oct. 1)

Pennsylvania Printed by Hall and Sellers (successor firm of Benjamin Franklin and David Hall)

Signed by Mord (ecai) Lewis, Joseph Allen, and Wm (William) Wishart

EPMOA Reference: p. 253

2) 1775 1 1/3 Dollar or 6 Shillings (Dec. 7)

Maryland, Printed by (Frederick) Green, Signed by F(rederick) Green and Thomas Gassaway. EPMOA Ref.: p. 118

3) 1776 5 Shillings (Jan. 1)

Delaware, (Delaware then consisted of the 3 lower counties of the Province of Penna.) Printed by James Adams, Signed by Jn (John) McKinly, Tho^{s} (Thomas) Collins, James Sykes. EPMOA Ref.: p. 82

4) 1777 4 Pence (May 1)

Delaware, Printed by James Adams, Signed by R(ichard) Lockwood

EPMOA Ref.: p. 83

5) 1777 6 Pence (May 1)

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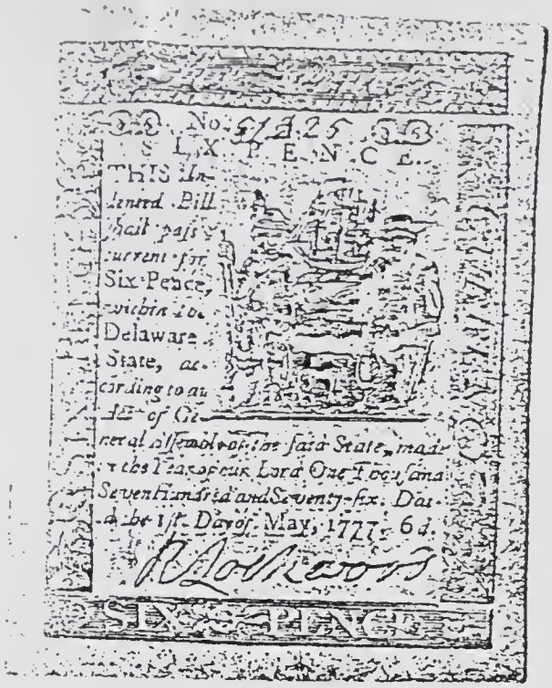

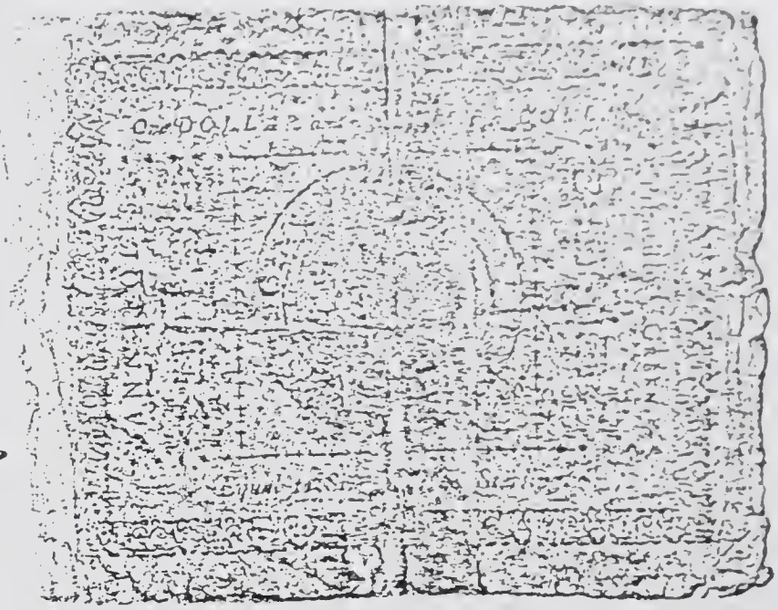

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Suggested Placements

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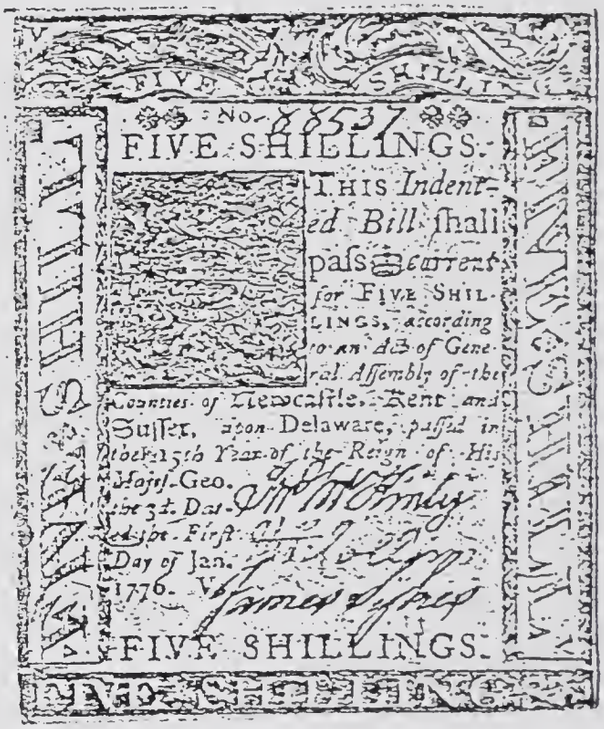

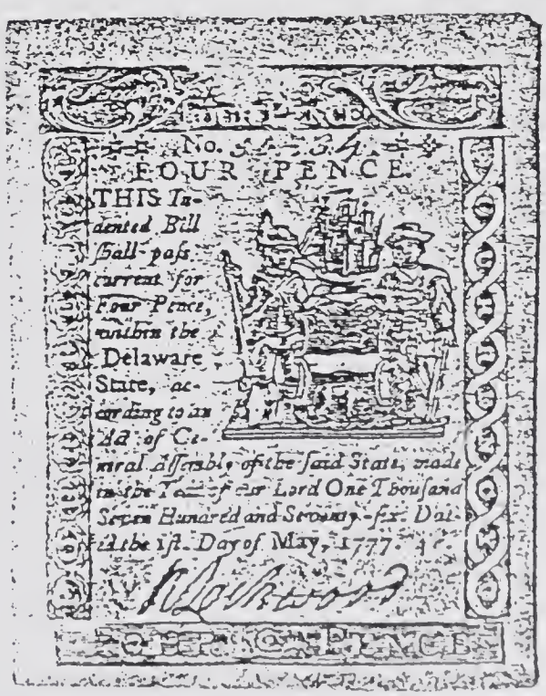

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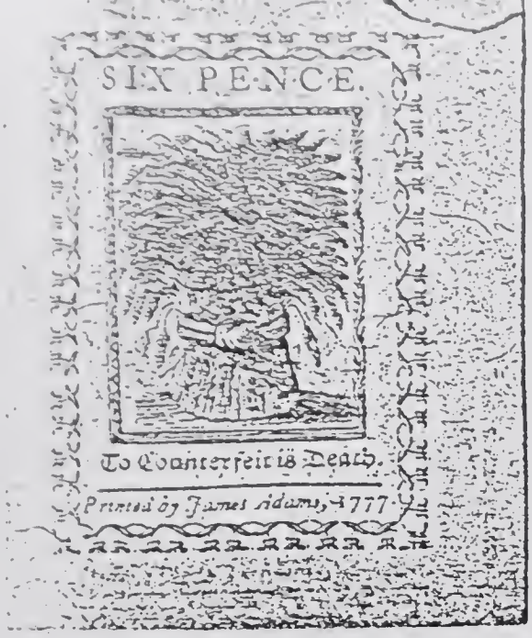

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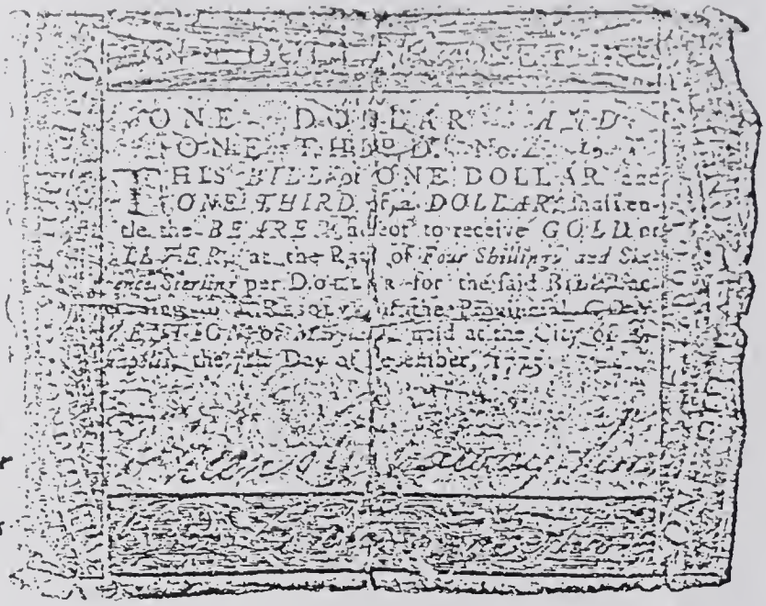

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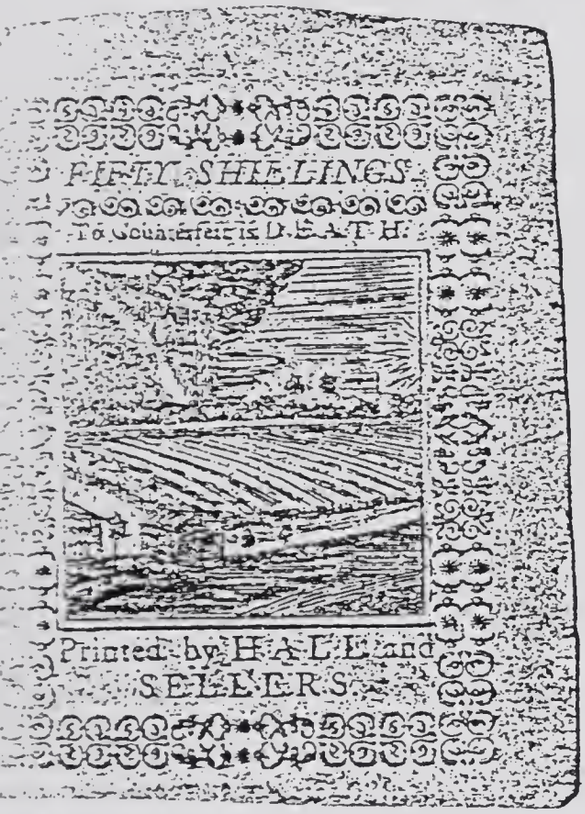

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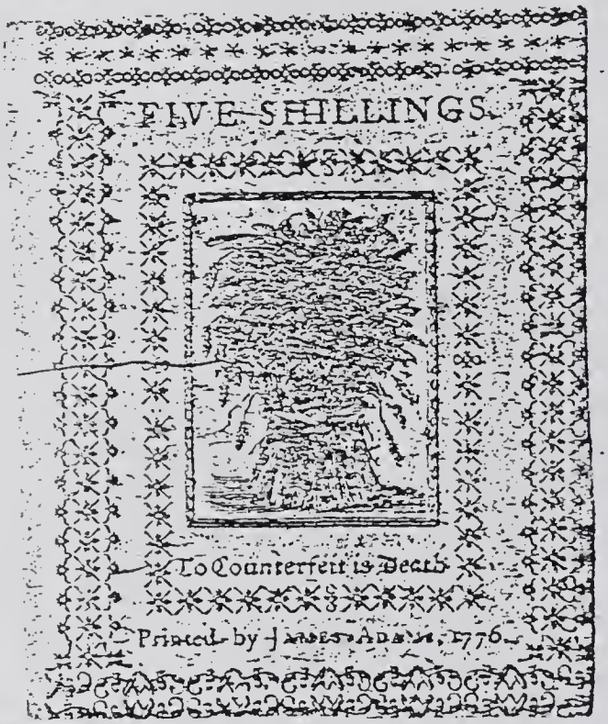

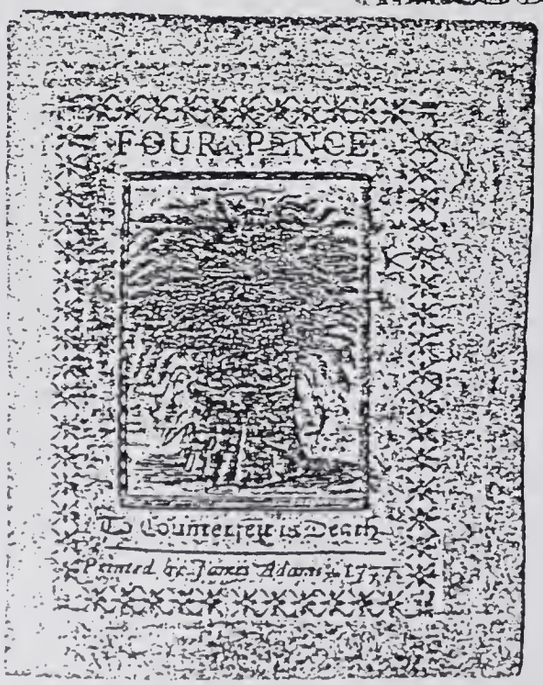

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